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GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
ALL WEEK—GRIMES' CELLAR DOOR.
HARTMAN'S LECTURE COURSE.
THURSDAY—BOSEY CONCERT COMPANY.
SMITH'S VAUDEVILLE.

WEATHER.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—For Lower Michigan—Generally fair; westerly winds.

BOLD A CAUCUS.

There is a movement on foot to forestall the holding of a caucus of the republican members of the legislature to select a candidate for United States senator. The movement is aided and abetted by the faction that is trying to conceal its real purposes behind the candidacy of ex-Governor Luce. If it is generally believed that the sudden interest in the senatorial campaign evinced by the upstart gentlemen who are fighting Senator Stockbridge is out of pure and unselfish love for the masses, a serious misapprehension of the facts is abroad. It is represented that the friends of ex-Governor Luce will abide by the decision of the caucus, and this representation is calculated to quiet any opposition to the scheme to do away with the time-honored custom of holding a caucus—broken but once in a period of thirty years, and then to the shame and disgrace of the party. It is the desire of the republicans of Michigan that a republican shall be elected to the United States senate. If there shall exist a division of sentiment as to the proper person to be selected, a conference or caucus of the majority members of the legislature will be absolutely necessary to prepare a plan of action and agree upon a choice of the majority of the majority. The caucus is the only protection the great body of republican voters look to to defeat the jobbers and tricksters. Without a caucus every member of the majority party is exposed to the temptations of money and preferment, so easily manipulated by demagogues, when the federal government is in their hands. There is too much at stake to venture experiments. The good old way is the safest and best. If a majority of the republican legislators be for ex-Governor Luce, the minority will cheerfully cast its vote for him. If Senator Stockbridge be the favorite, the friends of ex-Governor Luce will be expected to do likewise. It being a matter of concern to republicans first and alone, they ought to settle the controversy in a caucus held for that purpose.

GROVER AND DAVID.

Cleveland has surrendered. The wily and artful chief of Tammany has forced the stubborn man of destiny to capitulate. Cleveland has tendered to Senator Hill the portfolio of the state department. Lightning from a clear sky would not be more unexpected. The precedent observed for years requires that this distinction shall be paid to the candidate defeated in the convention, but owing to the strained relations existing between the two, the probability that the precedent would be followed by Cleveland never has been the subject for a moment's discussion in the newspapers. While it is true that the unfriendliness between Hill and Cleveland has no other ground than such as has been supplied by the newspapers, still the two men are jealous of each other for reasons quite obvious to those who have followed the drift of New York politics. If the report of the tender shall be confirmed the political world will experience a revolution. The deep, dark plot now being hatched by Tammany to anticipate and checkmate the Cleveland man will be declared off; the awful fuss made over the snubbing of Crisp will be explained as an oversight; the intrigues of scheming politicians will be laid bare and the democratic household will be transformed into an abiding place of peace and mutual admiration. The Tiger and the Jaws will lie down together in tranquil repose. There remains another act to consummate this glorious ending of a long-standing feud. Hill must accept. He must take the gift as a prince takes a compliment from a beggar. Then Tammany will walk all over Grover's expansive neck to show how much it loves him. But David makes no sign; he is morose, taciturn, silent. He may decline to take the olive branch. If he shall do so, then the carry war continues. It will now be in order for Grover to deny that he ever offered Dave the place.

CATCHING A TARTAR.

Our esteemed contemporary in a very carefully prepared article reasons out that the refusal of the recount committee to count the eight votes missing from the Plainfield box is inconsistent. It holds that the ballot box of Plainfield township is not a legal ballot box because it does not contain the ballots. There is certainly a force to this argument that cannot be dismissed with a flippant "Pooh." The recount committee asked for and received a legal opinion as to its power to count the eight votes missing from the box. The opinion was a sound exposition of the law. Its tenor was flatly and definitely against the counting of the ballots, and the committee, disre-

garding the right and equity of the case, followed the strict letter of the law. Now another strictly legal question arises. Shall right and equity or law prevail? No person with a smattering of legal knowledge will assume to say that the Plainfield box with one or a hundred votes missing is a legal ballot box. Such a box does not answer the mandatory requirements of the statute. It is not a box containing all the ballots cast at the late election in the township of Plainfield, and hence under a strict interpretation of the law, as applied on the question of recounting the eight missing votes, it is no ballot box; and therefore the committee erred in counting the incomplete number of votes for either candidate. This view of the case will be taken by the state board and inasmuch as the ballot box of Plainfield township is defective in one respect it will be held to be defective in all respects. The entire township will be disfranchised; not because it is right and equitable, but because it is law—strictly, blindly, democratically, law. The lesson that this whole controversy teaches is that the honest intent of the voters should be ascertained and effect given to it. In doing so both justice and law will be subverted. It is dangerous to split hairs with a butcher knife when another fellow stands ready to split your head with a bludgeon.

GOOD ROADS.

When a resident of the city has occasion to go into the country a distance of ten or twelve miles he understands why it is the newspapers are agitating the subject of road improvement. The condition of the highways leading out of Grand Rapids is lamentably bad. There are one or two roads that are kept in a passable state by private corporations, which exact tolls for their use, but the great majority are carelessly attended to, or attended to not at all. The farmers are more indifferent to the roads than to their most unimportant interests, when if they would devote more time and work to the turnpikes adjacent to their own lands they would reap a benefit in enhancement of value of their farms. They neglect the roads for much the same reason the Arkansas Traveler neglected to repair his cabin. When a day's work is spent on the roads the chief ambition is to do just as little as possible and to do it as slovenly as the ignorance and want of care of the highway commissioner will permit. To make good, serviceable highways it is necessary to do the work in a painstaking and intelligent manner. A perfectly good road should have a firm, dry foundation, good drainage, a hard and compact surface, free from ruts, hollows and depressions; the surface neither too flat to allow water to stand nor too convex to be inconvenient to the traffic; free from loose stones, the fresh material being put on, whenever practicable, in winter, in such a manner as to inconvenience the traffic as little as possible. All mud should be scraped off the surface at once, and not left in heaps on the road. The grade lines are not so important. The uneven line of a compact surface is not so disagreeable as to make an even surface imperative. If the farmers will take hold of the subject themselves and not wait for a theoretical solution of the difficulty by the legislature, in a few years the public highways would begin to resemble traveled thoroughfares instead of unfrequented lanes.

WHEN A MISSOURI MAN CAME HOME.

Enoch Arden fashion, the other day and found his wife married to another man he didn't tip-toe silently away. Not he. He shot the other man full of large irregular holes, and is now a guest in the county jail.

CONGRESSMAN SPRINGER is after Secretary Foster with a sharp stick and is bound to count the cash in the treasury. William probably thinks the boys will feel better if they are cocksure just how much awag there is for them to drag away.

It has finally been decided that President Cleveland will open the world's fair May 1. He will press the button, and the machinery, etc. If Grover is as successful in opening world's fairs as he is in bagging snipe, it will be a great day.

If somebody could take a composite photograph of the public offices that Isaac Pusey Gray will not get from the coming administration it would make an interesting and valuable political souvenir.

PROBABLY the most exultant moment in Bob Ingersoll's life was when he hopelessly entangled Elliot F. Shepard and forced him to admit that he had told at least one untruth.

WEDNESDAY Mr. Blaine was dying. Yesterday he was as well as ever. Evidently the Washington correspondents have adopted a sliding scale on Mr. Blaine's health.

MR. DANA announces that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for United States senator. Mr. Dana knows better than to pit the office cat against the Tammany tiger.

EVIDENTLY the actions of the monetary conference are going to prove about as valuable as those of the lamented squabbling legislature.

DR. JENKINS of New York cholera fame does not think immigration should be stopped. That is one of the best arguments for stopping it.

As that Baltimore conference how many of the snipe—the fifty-three that he killed at one shot—did Grover permit Dave to eat?

WINTER has again been boosted 10 cents a gallon by the trust. The man

that pours out four fingers of old rye now is no friend of the barkeeper.

It looks as if Preserved Smith is in a pickle.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

An exceptionally fine concert was given before many rows of empty seats at Hartman's hall last evening. The talented young members of the Kasey company are well capable of creating enthusiasm, but the audience was too small to permit the same to be aroused.

The fire scene used in "The Dago" is reputed to be one of the most realistic scenes of the kind ever produced on the stage and at the same time the least dangerous, as all effects used in the scene are covered with asbestos.

"Grimes' Cellar Door" is a sort of a break-neck farce without anything much more diverting than hilarious noise, and yet it pulls persons to The Grand every evening.

Dramatic Editor Fyles, of the Sun, chronicles a guess that the first play to be produced by the Theater of Arts and Letters will be the work of W. D. Howells.

Seats for the Sol Smith Russell engagement may be reserved this morning at the Powers box office beginning at 9 o'clock.

John Drew's one hundredth performance in the Masked Ball will fall upon December 28. Triple souvenirs will be given.

Smith's specialty bill will be presented in a matinee performance this afternoon.

STATE PRESS COSSIP.

These heresy trials are developing a good deal of legal subtlety among the brethren of the faith. The opposing parties are fighting with all the vim and skill that would be displayed in the courts. For a purely spiritual question the methods employed are quite worldly.—Jackson Patriot.

The "silver statue" business is being run into the ground. Every one of the silver-producing states wants a statue and has a pretty woman desirous of playing the part of the statue. Much further it will be in order for Michigan to have a statue made of copper and have some belle of the state found to "sit" for it.—Detroit Free Press.

All this hubbub over the New York senatorship is so much wind. When it comes time to start the machinery Senator Hill will press the button. Mr. Croker will do the real and the unchangeable, and incidentally the public can take their medicine according to directions.—Detroit Tribune.

An exchange says that codfish are becoming scarce. That may be the case in the sea, but there is an overwhelming crop on land and it costs the man money who buys one.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

The "ghouls" are said to be after Jay Gould's body. They did not dare tackle him when alive. He would have sold them some of his stocks to keep them in a corner.—Detroit Journal.

Lillian Russell should not feel slighted because Ada Rehan was chosen for a model. After all it was only a matter of form.—Day City Tribune.

The latest indignity offered to womanhood is to call a woman elocutionist a "recitress."—Muskegon News.

HIT AND MISS STORIES.

London is shuddering at the possibility of a great dynamite explosion to be fired off by the anarchists in revenge for the extradition of Francois. Detectives are guarding the public buildings day and night, and the alarm is described as intense. England should put her anarchists off the island and keep them off.—New York Recorder.

Those ardent admirers of Mr. Cleveland, who suggest that he personally conduct the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government, will hardly be satisfied until he mounts the dog-catcher's wagon and usurps the functions of Col. Samuel Einstein.—Washington Post.

There is not much need for delay in cutting down on pensions or in stopping leaks in various other departments. It is sound business to attend to this first; and Mr. Cleveland should have it done.—New York Journal.

There are now 67,119 postoffices. With eleven candidates to the post-office, this will make 67,190 disappointed applicants, who will only forgive the administration in case they can't catch it.—Greenville Progress.

The personal comfort of 60,000,000 people overburdened with taxes is of more consequence than the personal comfort of an administrator and congress, elected to give relief to the people.—New York World.

Democratic newspapers are howling over the "amazing" pension figures as if it were not an honor to this country to have the record of taking such good care of the men who fought for it.—Altoona Gazette.

Rich people generally were Jay Gould's victims, and those who were in the same line of business as he was. He didn't make his fortune by "skinning" the poor.—Johnstown Tribune.

President-elect Cleveland bought a wash basket the other day, into which he cast all letters addressed to him on the subject of officers of every grade.—Harrisburg Star.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.

MISS DIZZY—We have been admiring your diamonds clear across the room. Miss ANTIQUE—They were given to me when I made my debut into society.

MISS DIZZY—Yes, I said to Mr. Dasher that I knew you must have had them for years.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"I was never more impressed with a man's originality than I was in the case of that editor," said Inklins.

"Way!"

"He declined an article of mine without any thanks."—Washington Star.

Uncle Ss (to Living Skeleton)—Doesn't it make you nervous to have crowds staring at you day after day?

Living Skeleton—Yes; I confess it does. But, then, I am easily rattled, anyhow.—Puck.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

Simplicity is the one rule for all young girls' toilets, and it is time the rule should be enforced. How sweet youth looks when it gets a chance to shine free of furbelows and frills. All this because I have just seen Ethel in a gown she is going to wear at a party. Skirt and bodice were of rose pink soft wool. Over both was fine lawn. Not much, and not tall, and not a chiffon, but just the soft, maidenly lawn that used to be called grass lawn, and is the fine stuff our grandmothers used to embroider on. Lawn and underskirt are bound together at the foot by simple needlework. The lawn was dressed in about the waist to create a belt effect. A yoke was outlined by a cord of twisted pink silk, that ran down the



front of the bodice. The lawn was made very full on the sleeves as far as the elbows, and a cord of pink silk finished the wrists and the high collar. And, oh, she looked sweet as the little pink flower that grows in the wheat.

If only mothers would insist upon planning gowns for their daughters! The girls are well grown young ladies! No child appreciates the charm of her youth, and no charm is so fleeting. Why not keep the style in mind for next summer? Go with your young daughters in slips of cotton stuff, with over-frills of lawn and transparent wash goods. You need not be too proud, nor need they. The princess of Wales was seen only last summer wearing Hyde park style of white cotton gown, and her young daughters with her were gown as simply. Are you all too proud to follow royalty?

BRIDESMAIDS GOWNS.

At a recent wedding six pretty girls served as bridesmaids, wearing silk gauze frocks of pale mauve looped over petticoats of silver brocade. Their white blouses were loaded with Neapolitan violets and they carried huge bouquets of the same flowers with magnolia. Another novelty for bridesmaids in white failed trimmed with lace. With these gowns were worn large Gainsborough hats of black velvet loaded down with black feathers. Bouquets were carried of pink carnations tied with pink ribbons.

At another ceremony the six bridesmaids wore the empire style of white satin with fichu of lace. Each wore a black velvet band around the throat and a large picture hat of black velvet with yellow tips. The bouquets were yellow chrysanthemums.

THOSE POKE BONNETS.

The poke bonnet, in order to be becoming, should be worn like the Salvation lassies wear theirs—far back on the head. Some of the new bonnets have the white tulle cap fronts, but these are most trying to the complexion. One of the most fashionable bonnets is black and pink, and an easy way of making a dark hat or bonnet becoming to a brunette is to trim the brim with vieux rose velvet. This shade seems to throw a soft, pretty light on the face. If one's complexion is not of the best it is worth while studying one's face. Some of the close-fitting, small bonnets made of velvet have the quaint little old-fashioned curtain at the back made of the same material.

BLOUSE BODICE FOR WINTER WEAR.

The blouse bodice which during the seasons just past became such an indispensable article of the wardrobe would have been greatly misused had not the modiste happily thought her of lining silk blouses with domest veiling, or very thin flannel, and now an enterprising genius has produced a new variety of the ever-popular bodice in a corded velvet and also in woolen corduroy. These are sufficiently warm with a surah lining, and in relation to the corduroy blouse, novelty is combined with other advantages. Plain velvet is never desirable; not so the corded variety, as the cording makes the face and the colors in both deep and neutral shades are soft and rich in appearance.

JUST FOR FUN.

An old man would not believe he could hear his wife talk at a distance of five miles by the telephone. His better half was in a shop several miles away, where there was a telephone, and the skeptic was also in a place where there was a similar instrument, and on being told how to operate it, he walked up and shouted:

"Hello, Sarah!"

At that instant lightning struck the telephone wire and knocked the man down, and as he scrambled to his feet he excitedly cried: "That's Sarah, sure as fate!"—Chatter.

FASHIONABLE WINTER COSTUMES.

A typical winter toilet is combined in this wise: The skirt is of Meispiro red Venetian cloth, with a train border at the lower edge of green and black soutache. The diretoire redingote is of a rich shade of green cloth, with braided corner-pieces, vest and collar, with Astrakhan bands on the edge of sleeve, fronts and collar.

Other redingotes for quieter tastes are made of corded silk and plain velvet, small redingotes in velvet. When extra warmth is needed, a triple cape of velvet is added, each cape piped with otter fur.

FASHIONABLE COSTUMES IN BROWN.

Brown, or, in its most subdued shade, a decidedly rich shade, appears among some of the rich fabrics of the season. It is often used by ladies' fashions for elegant visiting and dinner dresses of corded silk and plain velvet, can't's hair, velours, bengaline and ladies' cloth. These dresses are variously trimmed with fur, galloon, iridescent passementerie, broad grimps in basket patterns, and also with plain silk cord arabesque bands in the rich brown shades of the goods laid over strips of pale chamois yellow or stem-green cloth.

NATY WINTER COATS.

One of the natty winter coats worn by the stylish young women is fitted exactly like a very long case princess bodice in the back, the skirt portion divided into long, slender tabs, slashed, and edged with a tiny roll of fur. These are made of old rose, dark blue, garnet, moss green, or mahogany brown cloth. The fronts open

over vests of fur or of cloth of a contrasting color elaborately braided. Other coats in Russian style are very long, and have ample colonial waistcoats of rich Persian brocade, and the coat trimmings are of fur and Persian passementerie.

NOTES OF THE MODES.

A fashionable skating costume is of plaid velours. The bias skirt is bordered with marten fur and opens over an inner front of the tan cloth. There is a closely fitted pointed bodice of the cloth, and over this a Figaro jacket of the velours trimmed with marten. The sleeve of the bodice is of tan cloth, and over this is the full-topped Hungarian cap sleeve of plaid edged with fur.

Stylish wool toilets are being made up in combination with velours or velvet-striped bengaline flecked with gold or bronze. These gowns are made with demi-trained princess backs and jacket fronts of the wool, very full sleeves and shirred blouse vests of the velvet striped silk. The front of the skirt is the popular umbrella shape.

Ribbon was never more popular. Pretty little collarettes are made of many rows of superimposed loops of narrow ribbon. The Telerine collar is also made of row upon row of frills of ribbon. Neckbands like the dress are finished at both edges with narrow ruffled ribbon.

Accessories of cloth matching the dashes of color in the shaggy, curled threads of scarlet, yellow or gray sprinkled over the rough Irish friezes and homespuns, which are in toast brown, dark green or blue, are much used in making up these fabrics.

Revers are ubiquitous; they surmount everything. Either they repose on the shoulders and extend softly down the front of the dress or are stiff and upright like a full sail. They are also either wide or narrow and in a great variety of shapes.

Throatlets of various sorts of fur showing head, tail and paw of the animal, are exceedingly popular.

POINTS ABOUT WOMEN.

Miss Margaret Blanche Best of Meadville, Pa., won the prize offered by Prof. Sargent of Harvard college for physical symmetry in 1890 against 3,000 competitors. Miss Best's standing height was 5 feet 5 inches and her weight 130 pounds. Save height and weight, Miss Best's dimensions were not given to the public, and in these two details she was declared superior to 82 per cent of her competitors, while 17 per cent excelled her.

Among the candidates nominated for the coming elections by the French woman suffragists are Mme. Jarretout, a tailor's assistant, who was decorated with the legion of honor for bravery on the battlefield; several sculptors, painters and journalists and Mme. Bernhardt, the actress. Most of them have accepted.

Lady Florence Dixey, who is an expert in the use of rod and rifle, and who has done her share in shooting big game, has provoked the wrath of her English countrymen by denouncing fox hunting and rabbit coursing as wanton cruelty. She advocates the substitution of the game bag chase.

When Ada Rehan made her first appearance on the stage she entered with apparent coolness, but after speaking a few words took stage fright and fell flat on her face.

Though only 47 years old, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps has been writing for publication over thirty years.

PERSONAL MENTION.

At the lecture given by W. J. Colville Wednesday evening in Kennedy hall for the benefit of the Emerson home under the auspices of the Grand Rapids Spiritual association, about \$25 were netted in cash, besides donations of wearing apparel and many useful articles for the inmates.

The Highland Park W. C. T. U. and temperance school, assisted by Mrs. Shedd, will give a short program and refreshments, at the Baptist chapel on North College avenue this evening. Proceeds for the benefit of the temperance school.

Maria Katherine Anderson died yesterday at No. 68 Michigan avenue. Deceased was 47 years old and was born in Sweden. Funeral Sunday at 9:30 a. m. at the house and 10 a. m. at the Swedish Mission church on Broadway.

"The Milkmaids" appeared again last night, this time at St. John Memorial Congregational church. There was a good audience. The proceeds go to the Waterloo street free kindergarten.

The Woman's Missionary society of the South Congregational church held a meeting yesterday which was addressed by Mrs. Cutcheon on work among the Indians.

The teachers in the kindergarten mother's classes will shortly hold an open meeting, to which their friends will be invited.

The women of Trinity church continued their fair again last evening before an appreciative company of purchasers.

Mrs. Daniel F. Beatty of Washington, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Hall Williamson of South Union street.

The regular business meeting of the Union of Unions was held in Good Templars' hall yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. W. A. Wilson of Mt. Pleasant is in the city spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Hayward.

The women of the First Reformed church will give a supper and sale in Good Templars' hall this evening.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.

In answer to a question as to whether in view of the fact that he had some connection with the Boston Cremation society, he intended to have his own body cremated, President Eliot of Harvard, recently said: "No, I shall not be cremated. I subscribed for a share in the corporation, but it does not follow from that that I shall be incinerated. I have purchased a lot in a certain burying ground and shall be interred in the usual manner. Still, I believe that cremation is a good thing, especially in time of an epidemic, and encourage the movement.

The cross of the order of St. Olaf, which the king of Sweden will confer upon M. Pasteur on his approaching birthday anniversary, is of gold and brilliant, and is attached to a red, white and blue ribbon. The order was created by Oscar I., father of the present king, to recompense miscellaneous services, and bears the name of the prince who introduced Christianity into Norway.

Zola enters on his work with his scheme well arranged, and sticks steadily to his plan of campaign. He does not alter, there are no surprises, no sudden changes, no enthusiasm. His MSS. are curiously clear—few erasures, no writing in it—but in the matter of proofs he is mercurial. The story is developed on their margin.

The campaign expenses of Congressman U. Neill, of Massachusetts, were only \$2.

The maharajah of Baroda and his whole court are strict teetotalers.

NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

"I most certainly believe in spiritualism," said J. B. Martin of Philadelphia at the Morton last night. "It may not be what is usually termed spiritualism; but it is a manifestation of existence after death. Theosophy, perhaps, explains it better. My only son died fifteen years ago. He was a young boy then, and have been in constant communication with him ever since. I seldom write home. He keeps me informed about affairs there. If anything is wrong I know it almost instantly. He comes to me and tells me all about it. In words? No—at least not in the language that you and I use in ordinary conversation; but it is a language that he and I both comprehend. From the moment he appears to me we understand each other perfectly. I could enumerate hundreds of instances. The other evening he came to me and informed me of the illness of his mother. He said it was not serious, and I paid no further attention to it. Yesterday I received a letter from home, and my wife had been sick; just as he said she had been. I don't attempt to explain a word of it. I don't know how it can be accounted for. It may be the astral body of the theosophists or the spiritual body of the spiritualists—I don't know; but I do know that my dead boy and I are in frequent communication with each other and talk as freely as you and I are doing now."

"I had intimate business relations with the late A. T. Stewart for several years," said I. M. Hall of Chicago at the Eagle yesterday. "I have always had a rather exalted opinion of him and his methods. This respect has increased since the death of Jay Gould. Mr. Gould was a greater financier than Mr. Stewart, but he had fewer qualities to admire. Jay Gould made \$1,500,000 for every year of his life, but nobody except the Gould family ever received any benefit from it. I believe his near relatives are not in any immediate danger of suffering from the necessities of life. Gould's estate will be kept intact, but hardly in the way Stewart's was. His property has not been scattered. Hilton grabbed it all and has carefully protected it."

"Some of the papers that are so enthusiastically lambasting Senator Stockbridge will feel sorry after the election is held," said W. L. Lillie, prosecuting attorney of Ottawa county, at the Bridge Street house yesterday. "I believe a man is entitled to his own opinions about such things, and about the men whom he chooses to support; but Stockbridge and Luce are both republicans, and either of them, if elected to the senate, will work and vote for republican principles, so it hardly pays to be too vindictive and venomous in carrying on the campaign."

"What's going?" asked a man that wandered into Louis Fuller's office in the C. & W. M. building yesterday.

"You are in a minute," hissed Louis savagely, as he looked up from a stack of pleadings for passes.

"But say," he shouted as the intruder made a wild break for the entrance, "when you go, don't forget to take the 'New Reliable.' Best cars and best!" It was too late; the man had fled.

Ed S. Pew of the Morton house was married to Miss Mina Heston yesterday. The ceremony was held at the residence of his mother, No. 29 Broadway, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Dr. Jackson performed the ceremony.

Clement Smith of Hastings was a guest at the Morton for a short time yesterday. Mr. Smith is a candidate

for the vacant circuit judgeship caused by the election of Judge Hooker to the supreme bench. The appointment will be made immediately after Governor Rich's inauguration, and Mr. Smith's friends think he has practically a cinch.

The Elks are making great preparations for their annual social season, which will be held in Elk's hall New Year's eve. A committee meeting was held at the Clarendon yesterday, C. W. Chamney, Fred Aldrich, George R. Perry and John Killian being present. The general arrangements for the spread were completed.

Judge Mr. Brown of Big Rapids is at the Morton. He is in the city to consult with Judge Champlin in reference to a case they have in the supreme court.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Benton Harbor has a queer club known as the Hobby club that is never to be disbanded here nor elsewhere. Its sessions are secret and the personality and name of each member is as good as soon as he signs the constitution. The club may only meet below the level of the ground and at midnight. Their present place of meeting is in a cellar and sessions will be held every Friday night, Friday being chosen because heaved by some to be unlucky, but the hour being set so as to consider any evil influence, should such exist.

Some idea of the number of ducks slaughtered this fall at the Flats may be gained from the fact that Chris Smith of Algonac, has alone shipped away over 8,000 to eastern markets. This figure cannot, however, represent a title of the number killed, some hunters shipping their own ducks away themselves and disposing with the services of a middleman.

F. R. Savage, a merchant tailor of Lansing, whose arrest some time ago for conducting a lottery or gift enterprise caused quite a sensation, has succeeded in having the case nolle prossed in the circuit court, the prosecuting attorney having decided that he was not amenable to the law.

Montague is to have an opera house. W. E. Osun has bought the rink at that place and is remodeling and fixing it up. He will put in some scenery and Saturday night, at which time it will be formally opened, 1,000 people will be able to find comfortable seats.

Michael O'Brien of Kalamazoo says that he will walk against any man who is not less than 60 years old or nearly twenty years younger than himself. He is a very well preserved and active man for one of his years.

No news to speak of this week.—Coloma Courier. Our competitor must have been on a drunk. The Boomer's reporter finds plenty of news.—Coloma Boomer.

Detroit wants to straighten Griswold street. Detroit has other things which need correcting more than Griswold street.